## Application Number: 09/354,080 Confirmation Number: 4578 REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** Filing Date: July 15, 1999 **TRANSMITTAL** First Named Inventor: Massimo BALESTRI **VIA EXPRESS MAIL** Express Mail No.: EV 871 191 910 Group Art Unit: 2135 JUL 1 6 2008 Address to: Mail Stop RCE Examiner: P. Klimach Commissioner for Patents Attorney Docket Number: 09952.0026-00 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. i. П Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] ii. Ø Other Amendment After Final filed April 22, 2008 DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on An alternate submission is attached. ☐ Enclosed submission: . i. Amendment/Reply Information Disclosure Statement iii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. iv. Other \_ Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.) Fees The filing fee is calculated as follows: i. \$810.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. $\square$ Petition for extension of time for (Three Months) \$1050.00 iii. Other \_ ☐ Check in the amount of \$1860.00 enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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